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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SCUL, PORS, MGEN, IN, US
SUBJECT: REPORTED HARASSMENT OF AMCIT MEMBERS OF ISKCON

REF: (A) CALCUTTA 2219, (B) CALCUTTA 2213,

1. WE SEE NO REASON WHY O'NEAILL SHOULD NOT LOOK INTO THE SCHARF COMPLAINT IN THE NORMAL MANNER. WE SHALL OF COURSE BE INTERESTED IN HOME SECRETARY'S RESPONSE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW IF SOMEONE IN THE GOWB CAN SHED ANY LIGHT ON AMERICANS BEING SINGLED OUT.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER, WHO HAD PREVIOUS CALL SCHEDULED, CHECKED WITH R.A.S. MANI, HOME MINISTRY DEPUTY SECRETARY SEPTEMBER 9. LATTER SAID THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN GOI POLICY TOWARD THE KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS SOCIETY, BUT THAT GOI WAS CRACKING DOWN ON ADHERENTS WHO HAD ENTERED INDIA ON TOURIST VISAS. MANI HAS MISSED OBSERVATION THAT SOME CALCUTTA MEMBERS WERE QUERIED ABOUT CONNECTIONS TO THE U. S. CONSULATE THERE BY SAYING "THEY (ISKCON MEMBERS) (HAVE ALL CRACKED A THEY CAN'T REMEMBER WHO SAID WHAT TO THEM WHEN."

3. AFTER RECEIVING CONGEN'S REPORT ON COMMENTS OF HOME SECRETARY, WE WILL CONSIDER FURTHER INQUIRY TO MEA, PARTICULARLY ON ISSUE OF WHETHER AMCITS BEING SINGLED OUT.
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